RG104 E-1 Box 172

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., September 3rd., 1891.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 2nd., instant, relative to an exhibit of the Mint service at the world's fair at Chicago, I would state that I have no copy of the plan of the Government building and that there is no portion of the building set aside, on the print, for the Mint exhibit.

As I informed you in my letter of instructions on this subject, the space allowed and the cost allowed for the Mint exhibit cannot and will not be determined until after the exhibit has been submitted and passed upon by the Board of Managers; undoubtedly the space necessary for the exhibit will be allowed so you need give yourself no uneasiness on that score.

The exhibit forwarded by you was very comprehensive but, as I informed you, the Secretary concurred in my view that it would not be legal to have a branch Mint at Chicago, or to manipulate the precious metals there, so that the very excellent exhibit which you proposed in accordance with my suggestion, was impracticable.

RG104 E-1 Box 172

I see no advantage in setting up a lot of Mint machinery such as rolls, draw-benches, &c., which will not be running. I would suggest that you limit the exhibit to one press for striking small medals, in white metal or bronze, and a case for a display of coins and medals.

The plans for such an exhibit can be prepared in a few hours and I trust that you will have them forwarded by return mail.

Very respectfully,

E. O. Leech

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-1 Box 172

247

Treasury Department.
Washington. D. C.
September 3. '91

E. O. Leech.
Director.

Reply to letter of 2nd
Relative to Enlisted
Men Service at
the World's Fair at
Chicago.

RECEIVED
SEP 4 1891
U.S. Mint
Chicago

NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 172

[Abstract:] Reply to letter of 2nd relative to exhibit of Mint service at the World's Fair at Chicago.

Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.
September 3, 1891

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir: -

Replying to your favor of the 2nd., instant, relative to an exhibit of the Mint service at the world's fair at Chicago, I would state that I have no copy of the plan of the Government building and that there is no portion of the building set aside, on the print, for the Mint exhibit.

As I informed you in my letter of instructions on this subject, the space allowed and the cost allowed for the Mint exhibit cannot and will not be determined until after the exhibit has been submitted and passed upon by the Board of Managers; undoubtedly the space necessary for the exhibit will be allowed so you need give yourself no uneasiness on that score.

The exhibit forwarded by you was very comprehensive but, as I informed you, the Secretary concurred in my view that it would not be legal to have a branch Mint at Chicago, or to manipulate the precious metals there, so that the very excellent exhibit which you proposed, in accordance with my suggestion, was impracticable.

I see no advantage in setting up a lot of Mint machinery such as rolls, draw-benches, &c., which will not be running. I would suggest that you limit the exhibit to one press for striking small medals, in white metal or bronze, and a case for a display of coins and medals.

The plans for such an exhibit can be prepared in a few hours and I trust that you will have them forwarded by return mail.

Very respectfully,
E.O. Leech
Director of the Mint.